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I feel that the National Association for Amateur Radio (ARRL) presented the FCC with a very good petition. This petition defiantly attempts to meet the needs of Amateur Radio so it will be able to grow in the next 10 to 15 years. Amateur Radio is not just a rewarding and exciting hobby, but also a very important service to the community in times of an emergency when normal communications are inoperable or overloaded.

I feel that the ARRL petition is on target by having a three-tiered license system. But, I do not see an incentive path of advancement from one class of license to the next, whereby additional privileges would be earned by advancing to the next class of license. I think the ARRL proposal is giving the Entry Level Class license too many privileges.

The ARRL petition eliminates Morse code testing for all classes of license except for the Amateur Extra Class. I feel that this part of the ARRL petition does not conform to the future growth of Amateur Radio in the next 10 to 15 years. As a Volunteer Examiner with W5YI, I believe the elimination of Morse code testing will bring down the barrier keeping what would otherwise be qualified people from pursuing an Amateur Radio license and upgrading to the next class of license.

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